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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge  
Honorable Walton J. McLeod, Circuit Court Judge  
Appellate Case No. 2018-000366

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THE STATE,

Respondent,

vs.

SHELLIE LAVETTE DAVIS,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH  
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF  
MATTER**

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Respondent (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

**I.**

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on January 6, 2026.

**II.**

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the State moves for a **fourth** extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal and asks for an additional thirty days to complete the brief in this case. In the past few weeks, the

undersigned counsel has submitted a Final Brief of Respondent in The State v. Jonathan Gray (2024-001751).

**III.**

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

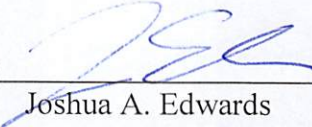
**WHEREFORE**, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion; and grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR RESPONDENT

I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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Deputy Attorney General

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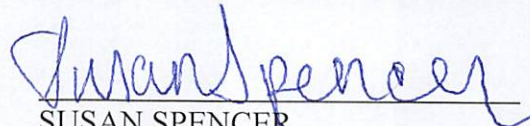
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, Susan Spencer, certify I have served the within Motion for Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by sending an electronic copy via email to Gary Johnson, Esquire to the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



SUSAN SPENCER

Legal Assistant

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